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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### USFS NOI/Certification Form

Notice of Intent to Comply with the Interim Categorical Waiver for  
Discharges Related to Timber Operations in the North Coast Region,  
Order No. R1-2002-0109

#### Contact Information

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| _____<br>USFS Authorized Officer           | _____<br>USFS Authorized Officer Telephone |
| _____<br>Contractor/Grantee Name           | _____<br>Contractor/Grantee Telephone      |
| _____<br>Contractor/Grantee Representative | _____<br>Contractor/Grantee Rep Telephone  |

#### Project Information

|                                    |   |   |  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <u>Project Type</u><br>(Check One) | _____<br>Project Name                           | _____<br>Contract/Grant Number<br>(if applicable) | _____<br>Project Size (acres)                    |
| Timber Sale                        | _____<br>Watershed Name                         | _____<br>Stream Name(s)                           | _____<br>5th Field Hydrologic<br>Unit Code (HUC) |
| Service Contract                   | _____<br>Section, Township, and Range Number(s) |   |  |
| USFS Force Account                 | _____<br>Project Description                    |   |  |
| Other _____                        | _____   |   |  |

#### Certification (USFS)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/>                    | The contract will contain all measures needed to comply with all provisions of this waiver and applicable water quality regulations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                    | The proposed silvicultural activities would comply with all provisions of this waiver and applicable water quality regulations.      |
| _____<br>Signature, USFS Authorized Officer |  |
| _____<br>Date                               |  |

#### Certification (Contractor/Grantee)

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/>                              | I understand and intend to comply with all water quality regulations including the provisions of this waiver. |
| _____<br>Signature, Contractor/Grantee Representative |   |
| _____<br>Date   |   |



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Excerpt from Order No. R1-2002-0109, Interim Categorical Waiver:

The Regional Water Board waives the issuance of waste discharge requirements for waste discharges associated with silvicultural activities on federal lands managed by the US Forest Service, except for those activities for which specific waste discharge requirements have been adopted or as set forth in section I, provided that conditions 1 and 2 continue in force, and further provided that the discharger complies with conditions 3 through 8, below:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board continues to certify and the US Environmental Protection Agency continues to approve, pursuant to section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the plan entitled "Water Quality Management for National Forest Lands in California" including the Best Management Practices (BMPs) set forth therein and the designation of the US Forest Service as the management agency.
2. The US Forest Service maintains (a) a water quality program consistent with the Basin Plan, and (b) verification system including but not limited to inspection, surveillance, enforcement and monitoring of BMPs and "Total Maximum Daily Load" prescriptions as from time to time adopted by the Regional Water Board and approved by the State Water Board.
3. Silvicultural activities at all times comply with the requirements of the Regional Water Board Basin Plan, including water quality objectives, prohibitions, TMDL implementation plans, narrative, or other requirements contained in a water quality control plan.
4. The US Forest Service complies with any monitoring program when directed in writing by the Executive Officer pursuant to California Water Code section 13267. Cooperative monitoring programs from a wide variety of approaches is encouraged.
5. The US Forest ensures that the Regional Water board is informed and has an opportunity to participate in changes to the US Forest Service silvicultural BMPs.
6. For all silvicultural activities conducted under contract, the US Forest Service shall provide written certification to the Regional Water Board that the contract will contain all measures needed to comply with all provisions of this waiver and applicable water quality regulations. These certifications shall be signed by an authorized officer of the US Forest Service prior to commencement of such operations.
7. Prior to commencement of silvicultural activities conducted under contract, the contractor shall in writing file with the Regional Water Board a Notice of Intent, with a copy of the approved contract attached, in which the contractor certifies they understand and intend to comply with all water quality regulations including the provisions of this waiver. The Notice of Intent shall be signed by the owner or authorized representative.
8. For all silvicultural activities conducted by the US Forest Service, written certification to the Regional Water Board from the US Forest Service that the proposed silvicultural activities would comply with all provisions of this waiver and applicable water quality regulations. This certification shall be signed by an authorized officer of the US Forest Service prior to commencement of operations.